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Speaker Bios

Jim Clinton

Jim is the executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board and director of the Southern Technology Council, Southern Growth's technology-policy arm. Jim previously served as president of the Louisiana Partnership for Technology and Innovation, a nonprofit organization that provides support to small technology-driven firms and to universities seeking to commercialize technologies. Prior to joining the Partnership, Jim was president of Gulf South Research Institute.

In 1976-77 he directed the Louisiana Superdome during its transition from public to private management. From 1973-76 he served as an assistant commissioner of administration and as Louisiana's first director of contractual review. During his tenure in state government he directed the affairs of the State Planning Office, the Public Assistance Line and the Office of Telecommunications Management. He was the primary author of a plan that reorganized Louisiana's more than 250 governmental units into 20 principal departments.

Jim is a past-chairman of the Metropolitan (Baton Rouge) YMCA Board of Directors and was a founding director of the New Orleans Technology Council. He is a member of the board of trustees for the Southeastern Universities Research Association and the founding chairman of the National Journey of Hope Institute.

Jim has also written for regional and national publications, including *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *CrossRoads*, *Xavier Review*, *WORD*, and *Coast and Sea*. His book, *What is Fair*, was published in August 1997 by the Louisiana State University Press.

Fields of interest: University-industry technology transfer, technology and entrepreneurship, state economic development policy and related topics.